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I spoke to Father John today about Exide, getting his thoughts on progress to date to control emissions from the facility. He believes SCAQMD has been doing a good job (this on the heels of the District's hearing board decision last night to deny a variance request to resume operations before the furnaces can operate in compliance with the arsenic restrictions). He faults DTSC for not having issued a permanent permit for the facility, and for not moving forward quickly enough to bring the facility into compliance or have it shut down. He had tried to get Senator Boxer's DC office involved (they had reached out to him about Allenco) before Maurice Lyles from Boxer's LA District office got engaged. Father John told me that they have been preparing to reach out to EPA to request that we take a more prominent role in the case (he understood what our role and engagement has been to date). He said that the local and state elected officials are all opposed to Exide continuing its operation, that the community is mobilizing in opposition and that a number of lawsuits are ready to be filed challenging the facility's operation. He believes Exide will eventually close but he is concerned about the bigger issue of cleaning up the impacted area.

I told Father John that R9 is constantly monitoring the Exide case and evaluating whether we need to change our role and level of engagement. I offered to meet with his committee to discuss our role and any concerns they have about our level of involvement.

Brian Johnson (DTSC) and I have not yet had the opportunity to discuss what the state is planning next for Exide, or how EPA might be involved in a more structured way. If R9 identified a specific role where EPA could be useful in expediting progress, I would recommend that we consider opportunities for increasing our engagement.

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